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1. ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH ARVN DIVISION CAUGHT A LARGE GROUP OF NVA INFILTRATORS IN THE OPEN IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE OCTOBER 3 AND KILLED MOST OF THEM. SEVENTY-NINE NVA WERE REPORTED KILLED AND THIRTEEN CAPTURED IN THE FIGHT WHICH LASTED FROM 0955 HOURS TO 1235 AT XS 160776, JUST OFF ROUTE 29 NEAR THE DINH TUONG BORDER. THE ARVN FORCE, CONSISTING OF THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS OF THE 10TH REGIMENT, REPORTEDLY LOST BUT ONE MAN WOUNDED. MOST OF THE NVA WERE KILLED BY GUNSHIPS AND ARTILLERY, AND THEIR BODIES ARE SAID TO BE SCATTERED OVER FOUR HECTARES. THE ARVN CAPTURED ONE SKZ-75 ANTI-TANK WEAPON, ONE 61MM MORTAR TUBE, THREE B-40 LAUNCHERS, THREE B-41 LAUNCHERS, 36 AK-47 RIFLES, AND THREE PRC-45 RADIOS.

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2. THE NVA INFILTRATORS, ACCORDING TO A HIGH MR4 OFFICER, WERE PART OF THE E-207 NVA REGIMENT, BASED IN CAMBODIA CLOSE TO THE BORDER NORTH OF HONG NGU DISTRICT TOWN. THE OFFICER SAID THE NVA HAD GONE EAST WITHIN CAMBODIA TO POINT IN THE PARROT'S BEAK AREA JUST NORTH OF EASTERN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, WHERE THEY BEGAN THEIR INFILTRATION INTO VIETNAM. THEY WERE HEADED FOR THE TRI PHAP BASE AREA 470 FROM WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AMONG NVA UNITS IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

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